



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ACTION MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Secretary
THROUGH: P - Mr. Habib
FROM: D/HA - Patt Derian

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Request from Attorney General for More
Information to Justify Parole of Indochinese Refugees

Replying to your letter of July 16, the Attorney General has asked for "sufficient facts establishing the statutory criteria for the exercise of my discretion on the question of parole". The letter is sparing of specifics but from his staff we know he is interested in the rationale for seeking parole, the profile of the refugee population, the conditions which they now endure, the flow rate of new refugees and of those going on to resettlement, what other nations are doing, and what prospects are for the future in this matter. The attached letter should meet the Attorney General's needs, especially in that it stresses the "emergent" character of the problem that parole can relieve, and goes on to argue that it is in the national interest to provide humanitarian assistance.

Public interest in the issue of parole is rising, and a letter from Congressmen Rodino, Eilberg, and Fish in yesterday's Washington Post made the points that so far they had not been asked for their views on the parole by the AG. I urge that the attached letter be sent as soon as possible so that the Department does not appear dilatory.

Recommendation:

That you sign the attached letter to the Attorney General.

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